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## What went wrong?

Late alarm contributes to fire problems.

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### Blair Hall's history

- ◆ Completed in September of 1913
- ◆ Named after Eastern's first football coach Francis G. Blair
- ◆ Originally named the Model School, then called the Laboratory, then named Blair in 1958
- ◆ Originally received \$125,000 to build Blair Hall, but then the grant was reduced to \$75,000
- ◆ Was the third building constructed on campus after Old Main and Pemberton Hall

The extent of the damage to the roof of Blair Hall can be seen from the top of Old Main. The four peaks of the building will be reinforced Monday as a precaution.

# Burned, but not beaten

## Building can conceivably be salvaged, items found intact inside

By Michael Schroeder  
CITY REPORTER

Blair Hall will be salvaged. A structural engineer provided a preliminary estimate on Thursday morning suggesting the campus' third oldest building will not be demolished, said Jeff Cooley, vice

president for business affairs. "Preliminary estimate at this point in time is that we will be able to save the shell, the external structure of that facility," Cooley said Thursday. He cautioned this is only a preliminary assessment and administrators will not know for sure until they

receive the final report. The administration, however, is optimistic. Cooley said the state fire marshal was also on campus today and walked through the building searching for the origin of the fire. "He has completed his review and we anticipate receiving his report within the next two weeks; he gave

us his assurance he will do everything he can to expedite that," Cooley said. He would not speculate on what the cause of the fire may have been and said neither the fire marshal nor the structural engineer suggested any possibilities to the cause. Gary Reed, interim director of

facilities planning and management, said reports of workers being on the roof were untrue. "There were no workers on the roof to my knowledge; the window replacement was not going on at the time of the fire," he said.

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## Cost of fire still to be determined

By Brian O'Malley  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

President Lou Hencken said Thursday the costs to replace Blair Hall have not been estimated, but he knows the amount will be in the millions. "Whether it's \$6 million or \$12 million, that will be determined at a later date," Hencken said following a 3 p.m. press conference. "We're going to work on that and try to get the funding." Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said the state's fire marshal, J.T. Somer, will walk through Blair Hall on Friday and make a damage assessment to figure out how much it will cost to make the proper repairs. "We anticipate receiving his report in two or three weeks," Cooley said. Rebecca Rausch, press secretary for Gov. Rod Blagojevich, said more information will be given after final amounts have been estimated. "We don't have hard numbers

yet. They are all up in the air," Rausch said. "In these situations, details evolve. It's on the governor's radar. The state's doing everything it can to help out." Eastern can ask the state to go two directions when paying for damages the building's insurance did not cover, Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, said. Those options include applying to be put on Illinois Board of Higher Education or the Capital Development Board renovation lists. "There's probably 100 on the list and only the top projects do get funded," Rose said. The Doudna Fine Arts Center was added to the list in 2000 and the Capital Development Board on Feb. 23 approved Eastern more than \$41 million in state funds. Doudna funding was slowed, in part, because of struggles with contract bids for construction and the state's budget deficit, which at one time, was \$5 billion.

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

Janet Cosbey, a sociology professor who had an office in the south corner of the third floor of Blair Hall, shows a television reporter her family photos and her diploma that were saved from her office Thursday morning in the Clinical Services building.

## Folding tables replace desks

◆ Faculty adjust to shock of loss

By John Hohenadel  
STAFF REPORTER

Before the fire Wednesday, faculty members at Blair Hall had name plates outside their doors and wooden desks in their offices. On Thursday, those same faculty members could not have expected they would be moved to the old Clinical Services building, using half sheets of notebook paper as nameplates and folding tables as desks. Yellow note pads lay in the middle of each table, replacing computers that used to occupy desks in Blair. "It's so surreal," said assistant sociology professor Darren Hendrickson. At 11 a.m. Thursday each professor was asked to prepare a list of things they want back and things that aren't as important. "My list can go on forever," Hendrickson said with a smile hiding his disappointment. "My office was 50 percent of my life," said sociology professor Max Kashefi. "My data, my research, my notes," Kashefi paused, let his head fall to his hands with a sniffle then continued. "I had a lot of old books, my publications and hard copy papers all have burned," Kashefi said. "All my research since 1978 is gone."

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BLAIR HALL FIRE UPDATE

# Asbestos and lead exposure a mild concern

By Julie Bourque  
CAMPUS EDITOR

During the fire Wednesday in Blair Hall, Eastern administrators and Charleston firefighters made safety a top priority.

Hanebrink said lead and asbestos in the debris were taken into consideration for safety measures, and firefighters said the fire's embers were among their top concerns.

"We're taking all the precautions and treating the situation as if it were the worst scenario," Hanebrink said. "But because the debris is still wet, right now (Blair) is a controlled hazard."

All workers are wearing personal protection equipment such as hats, gloves, respirators and boots.

Hanebrink said there are studies and building plans indicating where asbestos is in the building, and the levels of asbestos and lead are being monitored.

"We're working with state licensed employees and public health in managing the exposures of lead and asbestos," Hanebrink said.

Asbestos is a naturally occurring fiber that is an element of nature and there are permitted exposure limits the government has set. Hanebrink said he doesn't believe Eastern will meet those limits.

A perimeter of caution tape from the center of Old Main's quad



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Workers pull debris from the roof and ceiling of the third floor of Blair Hall Thursday afternoon.

to Blair's parking lots has been set up in an attempt to keep students away from the building and the safety hazards it may bring.

Charleston Fire Department Captain Pat Goodwin said the firefighters' biggest safety concerns while extinguishing the flames were the embers being blown in

the high winds.

"Our biggest concern was the embers landing on any of the surrounding roofs," Goodwin said. "Some of the buildings have rubber roofs and those roofs burn so fast that if you were on top of the building, the flames would chase you right off."

Goodwin said last night's 30 mph south to southwest winds helped spread and fuel the fire, but the firefighters contained the flames to Blair well enough that he wasn't worried about flames making contact with surrounding buildings.

The wind has, however, aided in three rekindlings, one late

Wednesday night and two Thursday.

"I don't think the wind could have gotten any worse," Hanebrink said.

When the fire was finally extinguished, Goodwin said the firefighters used about 420,000 gallons of water.

## Hencken stresses sprinklers in residence halls

By Jennifer Peryam  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

A sprinkler system might not have prevented the fire that burned through the roof and uppermost floor of Blair Hall.

"We would eventually like to have sprinklers in all of our buildings, but the safety is a greater risk in the dorms where students are sleeping," President Lou Hencken said.

Eastern has had a budget deficit and has not had the funding to place sprinklers within Blair Hall.

"We will continue to move forward, placing more sprinklers in residence halls and working on systems in University Court and in high-rise dorms like Lawson and Andrews this summer," Hencken said.

The fire alarm system in Blair Hall was not triggered by the fire because it started on the roof.

"The fire alarms did not go off because the fire started from the top and worked its way down," Hencken said of the fire that destroyed the roof of Blair Hall Wednesday.

The fire could not have been prevented with a sprinkler system because of this reason, Hencken said.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for academic affairs, said the roof of Blair Hall is literally down on the third floor. Workers have gone into the first and second floors of Blair Hall to remove material, and insurance agencies have been contacted.

"Home insurance usually is a standard wording in home policies and is included in anything used in business or professions that use books, manuscripts and resources utilized by business property," said State Farm Agent Stan McMorris. Home insurance usually covers up to \$250 in damage McMorris said.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Eastern workers remove glass from the third floor of Blair Hall Thursday afternoon.



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Damage in Blair Hall room 3114

## Extent of loss varies

By David Thill  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Faculty members who lost gradebooks and research in the Blair Hall fire Wednesday may change the way they keep their records.

Sociology Instructor Karen Hartbank, whose office was on Blair's third floor, said she would change the way she keeps her records in the event of another fire.

"I'll just keep it with me from now on," said Hartbank, referring to her gradebook that was lost in the blaze.

Janet Cosbey, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, also lost her gradebook in the fire.

"It won't change the way I keep grades," Cosbey said. "Computers can crash, things happen."

Cosbey's office was directly below the spot where the fire began. The only things recovered from her office were her diploma and family pictures.

Lisa New Freeland, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology, said she has no idea of how much she lost but she does know she lost all of her research and notes.

New Freeland did take her grades with her, however.

During a press conference Thursday, Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, said all classes from Blair Hall have been rescheduled into the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The classes are fairly modest in size and there are really only two or three classrooms that can be used, he said.

Lord said sociology, anthropology and African American studies classes were all moved into the Union.

"The extent of loss varies by faculty members," Lord said. "Some faculty members have virtually no gradebooks, no records from the semester, no semester notes...others have electronic back up elsewhere."

Lord also said he has informed teachers to work with their students because they lost notes as well.

"Each department is bouncing ideas off each other," Lord said. "The principle we are working on is students will receive credits for the courses in which they were enrolled."

Ashley Brown, a senior sociology major, said she feels moving the classes is better than canceling them.

Brown's class, current sociological issues, was held in Blair Hall. The class has since been moved to 7th Street Underground, formerly the Rathskellar Room, in the Union.



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EDITORIAL

# The time has ‘final’y come

On Monday, Jan. 12, Eastern students began classes for the spring semester, most of them anxious to come back to campus after winter break. Winter break, for many students, was three weeks of sleeping 12 hours a day and watching far more television than a person with higher education should watch. Plus, a disappointing fall semester could be wiped clean by a stronger academic performance in the spring. There were new, exciting classes to take. On some levels, the same New Year’s resolution ambition that students used to lose weight or quit smoking was shared with grades. They thought, “this semester I’ll do better.” Since then, almost four months have passed and the giddy feelings, for most, have since changed.

**At issue**

Final exams week begins Monday.

**Our stance**

Finals week is the culmination of the semester. Gook luck to all on campus.

Now, it’s finals week. It’s the week where 16 weeks of procrastination are crammed into a few, final precious days of studying. It’s the week where a C turns into a B, or a B turns into a C. It’s the week where students hope pots of coffee can morph them into a 24-hour studying Energizer Bunny. And this all comes at a time when the weather is “I’d like to do anything but study” warm. Throughout this week and into the weekend, students will cram more than any other seven-day gap.

Anyone walking through campus can notice the difference. The normally busy Booth Library becomes even more crammed near finals week. Attendance this week was around 3,500, about 1,000 more than this time last month. Students flock to the 24-hour study lab in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and spend nights in the Gregg Triad Computer Lab. So, we at the *The Daily Eastern News* wish the student body good luck, hoping you will do the same to us. Sure, we all have our excuses for not reading every textbook, or writing papers weeks in advance, even though the professors gave the assignment weeks before the deadline. But unless we’re Marty McFly or Doc Hollywood we can’t jump in our time machines and rewind time a week or two. The fact of the matter is the semester’s finish line has finally crept up whether students like it or not. Good luck.

*The editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Eastern News editorial board.*

OPINION

# Being a leader is not about resume lines



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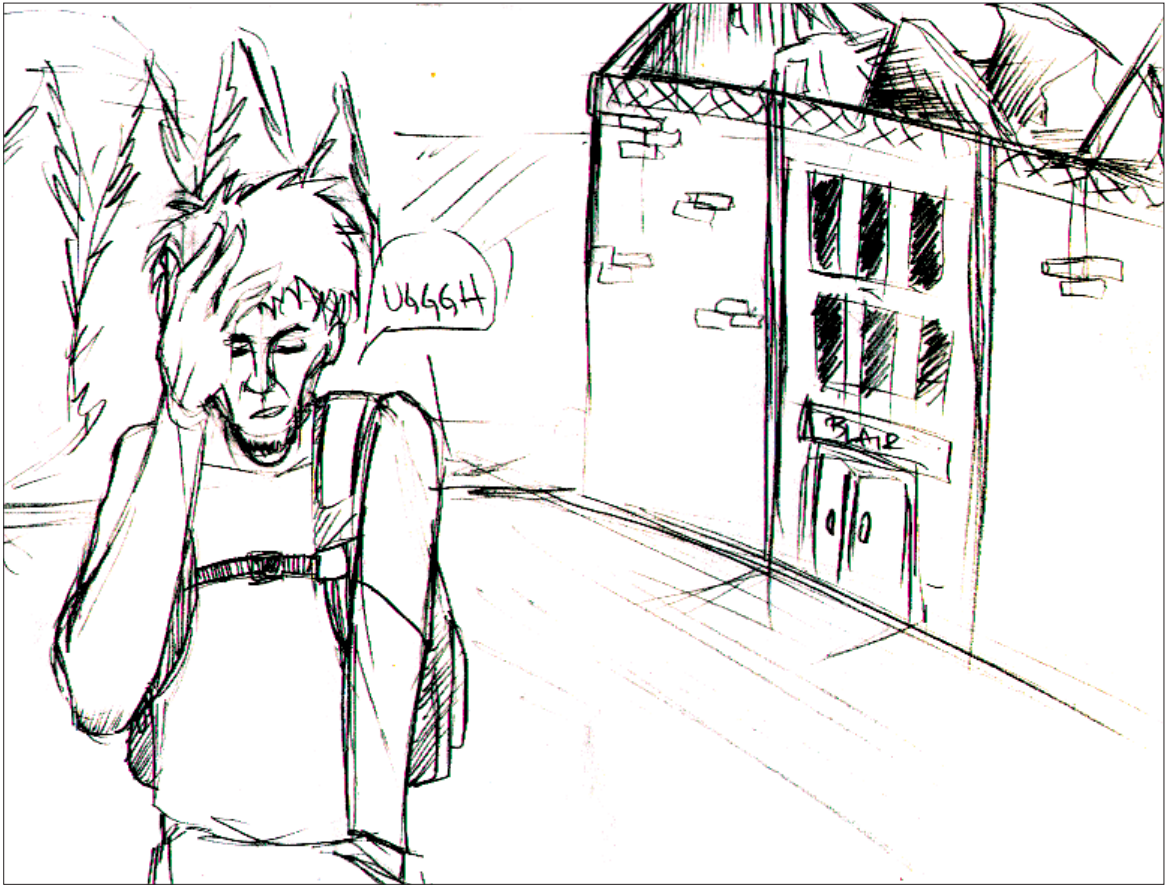
After having been a part of Eastern’s student government for two and a half years, I have learned a variety of interesting things about an even wider variety of subjects. I have learned much about myself and much about those around me. The most important of the things I have learned, however, is something I always suspected but never truly knew until recently: being a leader has nothing to do with your position, your title, or your perceived importance and everything to do with how you act toward, and interact with, those around you. Being a leader is also not about resume lines. Just because your resume is so full it cannot possibly fit on one page does not mean you were, or are, a leader; it means you were very busy. While it is tempting to take “leadership” positions with an eye toward padding your resume, do not let this mentality take hold of you. Remember, some day you may be asked to lead others and lines on a resume will not help you if you have not learned your lessons about what it really means to lead along the way.

*“Leadership is about listening, paying attention, and helping those around you to achieve their very best.”*

Being a leader is not about recognition, it is not about being quoted by others, it is not about being held up as an example. Leadership is about listening, paying attention, and helping those around you to achieve their very best. Claiming to have accomplished the most does not make you a leader; it makes you an excellent worker. The mark of a great leader is what those surrounding the leader achieve with his or her help. The people I have met in college who I truly believe to be great leaders were those whose skills were devoted to helping others achieve. They were mentors, authority figures and guides rather than just tireless workers. They

were mindful that, as one of my closest friends has reminded me time and time again, it is dangerous to mistake motion for action. While they were all willing to toil alone in the completion of an important project, none of them preferred to work this way. They knew how to bring out the best in those around them; they knew how to use the strengths of their companions to accomplish more than they could have alone. While it is easy to hold anyone who achieves highly up as a real leader, it is also unwise. Achievement is leadership only by example; real, complete leadership is far more difficult an undertaking. A complete leader leads both by his or her actions and by inspiring those around them. So, as we go through school and prepare to begin our lives let us not cheat ourselves by imagining leadership to be something that can be handed to us on a piece of paper or even awarded for a job well done. Let us remember that leadership is the result of a conscious effort to ensure that those around us achieve the very best for us all.

Cartoon by Joaquin Ochoa



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Women shouldn’t blame problems on men

I won’t make a fool of myself by misrepresenting the male population by telling women to “bend over and take what we give you” as a previous writer discredited his letter by doing so. I do, however, have to shut up all those who wish to continue to write in and try to become the next Martha Burk. Ladies, have some respect for yourselves. These “feminists” feel the need to blame all life’s problems on men, and seem to want to change the ways of society that have been written in stone since the beginning of time. I really hate these women (who are a select few, but always seem to be heard) who say, “If it wasn’t for women (child birth) there would be no men.” My gosh, get off the rag (no pun intended). Men could respond, “If there was no Adam (rib), there would be no Eve (women).” But we don’t.

We could lash out against you women and explain how every major symbol of the Bible was male, or how every U.S. president has been and will always be male, or how every major sport star, scientist, inventor, philosopher, etc. have been males. But we don’t. We don’t whine, bicker or complain. That’s what makes us superior. That’s what keeps us at the top, in the command, and far more important than women. Men don’t find an excuse, we strive for the best. We compete, and therefore we excel. We were made to be strong, powerful, dominating creatures and we accept these roles. As soon as any of these minority groups (including women) begin to complain and obtain new rights through laws (affirmative action), they complain that it’s too hard. They take the real jobs away from those that deserve them. Don’t fight for things you can’t handle people. It’s also funny that women are a “minority,” since they make up 52 percent of the population, 50 percent of the work force, yet only 3 percent of the Fortune 500 top earners are women. It’s too easy to blame everything on men, ladies. Know your role in society, and strive for the best you can be; not the best whiner. *Mark Palahniuk, junior biology, pre-med major*  
**Community needs more of Eastern’s football help**  
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sigma Pi Fraternity for helping with the Charleston Middle School Little Trojan

Track & Field Invitational on April 17. The Charleston Trojan Booster Club greatly appreciates the help we received and without these finnn gentlemen we could not have done it without them. Eastern should be proud to have such outstanding men as these. We are always looking for help as many parents are involved in other activities and also wish to watch their children play. So I invite any fraternity or sorority if they are looking for community involvement to contact me. We are desperately looking for help during the fall home football games. *Kim Gentry, Charleston Trojan Booster Club President*

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OPINION

# Drug condition in America worsens with programs



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This column is in response to an article that quoted me in Monday’s newspaper. The article failed to do me or my ideals full justice, so I hope this sheds some light on the bigger picture relative to my stance on drugs.

My opinions concerning drug use education represent only a small portion of my views concerning the drug condition in America as a whole. These views are based on years of firsthand experience, something that rests behind me now.

The War on Drugs has failed miserably since its inception under the Nixon administration, and while the government continues to throw more money into it year after year, it still remains increasingly problematic. Today, most of the negative social elements of the drug problem are not the result of said drugs, but rather the result of drugs being illegal. The only reason that drugs have produced a criminal enterprise is because of their illegality, just as alcohol created a criminal empire in the 1920’s during prohibition. When prohibition ended, so did the criminal market that thrived off it.

Currently, the prison industry (and it is an industry) is being built on the backs of non-violent drug offenders. According to the Human Rights Watch World Report, 2001, 30.8 percent of incoming state prison inmates, and 57.8 percent of federal prison inmates were non-violent drug offenders. Those figures are sad when you consider how many real criminals get away everyday. This is not a war on drugs as its been touted, but a war on drug users. The gov-

*“This is not a war on drugs as its been touted, but a war on drug users. The government doesn’t have the answers to the drug problem, only the tools to make it worse.”*

ernment doesn’t have the answers to the drug problem, only the tools to make it worse.

Here is my solution to the drug problem, put simply:

1. Legalize the physically non-addictive drugs (marijuana, LSD, etc.) and decriminalize the physically addictive ones (cocaine, heroin, etc.) – The legality of the non-addictive drugs will offer people safer alternatives to the physically addictive drugs, which would be decriminalized, meaning punishable by a fine and/or confiscation, but not jail time. Nobody should go to prison based solely on the desire to put a foreign substance into their body.
2. Licensing and Drug Education Programs – Once certain drugs become legal, those that wanted to use them would have to obtain a license to buy these drugs. In order to receive this license, they would have to undergo intensive drug education programs that would teach them responsible drug use (and

- there are safe ways to use drugs).
  3. Funding for education, not incarceration – Putting money into educating people will raise our collective awareness of drugs, and putting more money into needle exchange programs will reduce the spread of disease.
  4. Free the non-violent drug offenders – They haven’t done anything wrong. If you’re a taxpayer, liberating the drug users from prison will save us a lot of money. According to the Office of National Drug Control Policy the government spends 19.2 billion dollars annually on the War on Drugs.
- I am not suggesting reckless encouragement to use drugs. I am a person with an insight into this problem, and I aim to do whatever I can to diminish the amount of addiction, crime, death and disease that result from ignorance about drugs and their illegality.
- In response to those that challenged my views in Monday’s article, D.A.R.E. does not work; it didn’t work when Reagan was president. If it did our youth would be drug free. You may not agree with my views, but my proposed solution to this problem would, at the very least, be far more effective than our current method of dealing with it.
- Lastly, I leave you with this:
- Seventy-three months – The average length of time served in prison for a rapist before the possibility of parole.
- For a non-violent drug offender: 82.2 months (The Network of Reform Groups).

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Writers have good, bad points about equality

I am writing in response to Carly Mullady’s April 21 column and consequently, Greg Lyons’ letter to the editor of the same day.

While I can truly understand Mullady’s knee-jerk reaction to Lyons’ misogyny saturated letter, some important things were ignored that really should be addressed.

Lyons, in summary, is saying that 1.) the objectification of women is not the fault of the women who use their sexuality to make money or gain status, it is the fault of the ‘nature’ of men, and 2.) the only way that the situation can be changed is not by ridding the world of prostitution or similar professions, but by women asking societal control from men.

It is true that women who monetarily benefit from the objectification by men are not at fault for said problem; at this point it is where the similarity of my opinion and Lyons’ ends.

The situation is clearly societal, and these women also cannot fix the problem. The words ‘porn star,’ ‘prostitute,’ ‘supermodel,’ ‘promiscuous,’ and ‘stripper,’ are almost always related to women. Pulling women from these professions would aid in ridding the association of ‘female body’ and ‘price tag.’

Mullady did a wonderful job of illustrating her value as a person: the main goal of objectification is pulling the person away from the woman.

A pretty face, nice curves, and a provider of sexual acts is detached form the thinking, feeling being. Men don’t want to see their stripper as someone’s sister, aunt, best friend, or partner and their porn stars should not have dreams, wishes, hopes or fears outside of the context of the sex act caught on film.

This brings me to the next point, the ‘nature’ of men to objectify women.

Lyons says that men constantly picturing women naked is natural, which means constantly thinking of them as a sex object is natural (as Mullady insinuates, the only other reason people are naked in our society is for bathing). It is no more natural for a man to view, and treat, a woman as merely a naked sex provider as it is for Caucasian people to look at African American people for their monetary value on the slave market. If it were so natural, then Lyons is admitting that men look at their daughters, sisters, aunts,

mothers and grandmothers as pairs of breasts, legs, and other body parts with the purpose of sexually satisfying a man.

Women are sexual beings and are sexually attractive, but to say that it is ‘natural’ for a man to only see that particular side of a human being is ridiculous.

How does Mr. Lyons’ suggest women solve the problem they face? By forcibly taking the power from men, just as so many men have forcibly taken women, extend their ‘power,’ and have done the ultimate crime of objectification: rape?

“Bend over, shut up, and take what we give you,” Lyons urges women. Rape is an issue of power, and power of one people over another is where the evil resides. ‘Take the power and bring down the man,’ he chides. The idea is relinquish power and privilege, in all forms it currently holds today, and no to simply pass the same patriarchal dominance from one group to another.

Courtney Crane,  
senior health studies major

## Educate yourself on issue

Reading the DEN these last few weeks has made me want to get out the most radical of my feminist beliefs, but after reading Andrew Caruso’s letter, I’ve decided to let the liberal feminist speak.

Not one single person who has written into the DEN has even come close to the reason gender inequality exists. And even though friends have told me to write in and correct the multitude of mistakes being made in all of this finger pointing, I have refused. And I still refuse. Instead, I suggest the following:

Go take a class.

That’s right. Spend the extra money and time and enroll in a women’s studies course. I am tired of students not taking it upon themselves to educate themselves on the subject before writing letters about gender inequality. It is not my responsibility to educate you, it is not my responsibility to use my hard-earned knowledge to correct your rash and ignorant letter writing. The classes are there, sign up for one before shooting off another letter to the DEN.

I could educate everyone, as could anyone in my feminist theory course, on the real causes of gender inequality. We could cite thanks to the brilliant Dr. Linda Coleman chapter and verse, the- orist for theorist, on why gender

inequality exists.

Let me give you a hint, before you rush on to PAWS and add a WST course.

Gender inequality is not a women’s fault, as Caruso claims in his letter. It is not even men’s fault, as he (almost, but not quite) argues well. To say that we “let” men objectify us (as Caruso does, in his letter) is the same as saying female rape victims “allow” men to rape them. Violence, whether verbal, emotional, or physical, it’s never the victim’s fault. And that is what the objectification of women is: violence. It is degrading and demeaning, it is damaging and scarring.

Andrew Caruso’s letter (let me say I have taken a class with him, and truly respect his opinions and intelligence), a response to the ongoing war over who is to blame for gender inequality, stated this: “Men will have power over women until women realize they do not need us, can live without us and frankly, should never had cared about us to begin with. Then and only then, will men realize they can’t treat women the way they do.”

Picture a woman saying this. right now, as you’re reading the DEN, look at the nearest woman (not up her skirt or down her shirt, as Lyons suggest but look AT her). Picture her saying this. “I don’t need men, I can live without them, and I don’t care about them” I can tell you right now, without even exaggerating the situation, the kind of names this woman would be called. I know, because I have been called a few of them myself. A woman who asserts her independence is called a lot of things, very few of them positive reflections on what a stand she is making against objectification.

The objectification of women will end when women decide to fight back, but it will also end when both men AND women follow what Linda Coleman said in her class (take this class, before telling me all YOU know about gender inequality): “It feels better to take the risk of losing something than to not act, than to not change”

Men must take the risk of losing their privileged power. Women must take the risk of losing friends, lover, etc. when they stand up and speak out for their own rights, and for the rights of women all around them. It will not happen today, it may not happen tomorrow.

But next time you get the urge

to write into the DEN about a subject you prove yourself to know nothing about, sign on to PAWS instead. Take a Women’s Studies course. Who knows what may happen then.

Amanda Mesirow,  
senior English major

## Writer promotes sex, dangerous practices

Jamie Fetty has once again presented this campus with a brilliant, thought provoking essay on things that one must do during their time in college in her April 9 essay, “Experience All Aspects College Offers.”

In addition to some of the more studious activities that Fetty suggests like getting a paper done early, entering academic contests and attending lectures and workshops, Fetty also, very thoughtfully I might add, discussed all the sex and sexual experimentation that should go on during our time as students.

Sex, sex, and more sex is what Fetty is really getting at, since her number one thing on a must-do list is to have a threesome.

What a great idea! The genius of Fetty’s essay is that she has shown us that we can double our pleasure in the bedroom, and as a nice addition, which Fetty failed to point out; we can also double our chances of contracting an STD. And for all you guys out there, we can double our chances of conceiving an illegitimate child in a moment of lust and passion.

Another wonderful experience we can have is visiting the doctor’s office to clear up that STD, or we can drop out of school to raise a child, or even better, all three of us can go to the abortion clinic, since members of a threesome are concerned with their own pleasure, and probably not the the responsibility of raising a child, and get on with their lives. Fetty, you are right, college can be fun, and I am so proud to have such a responsible writer on this campus who is so concerned with skipping class for sex, doing a shot at a university function, or walking right up and planting one on someone.

Fetty also suggests that we should speak up and be heard. Well, I think Jamie Fetty should be a little less concerned with promoting casual sex, and be more concerned with promoting

safe sex, or at least the serious consequences that can result from such irresponsible behavior. I also think that Fetty uses her article, along with many others she has written, as a way to do nothing more but promote irresponsible and sometimes dangerous behavior. So thank you Fetty, for showing me just how ridiculous and irresponsible a writer can be, and by illustrating to all of us why it is that so many teenagers are single parents, and why our culture is saturated with sex, and why AIDS is running rampant.

Matt Taylor,  
B.A. English

## Thanking good deads

I am reminded again and again about the goodness of going to school in Charleston. It was very evident on Tuesday, April 6, when Michael and Traci Boksa, owners of Boxa, allowed the Haiti Connection at Eastern to hold a Haiti Night at their business. They generously donated 50 percent of all sales that night. I would like to thank all those (both students and community members) who came out and supported our project. We were able to raise a total of \$1,000. The money raised will go to build a 7,500 gallon water collection system to provide four families access to water year round. Once again thanks to the Boksa’s and their employees for a great evening!

Susan Battista

## Thanks for the help

The campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity would like to thank several people for the success of the chapter’s recent activities. The chapter would like to thank Pappa John’s Pizza, the American Red Cross, Sigma Ne and everyone who donated or volunteered during the blood drive sponsored by Habitat. The chapter would also like to thank several community businesses for helping to make Shantytown a success. these businesses include Arkwright which donated boxes; Jitters and Bliss, which donated an ice cream party; Pizza Hut, which donated a pizza party; TAGA, which is printing T-shirts and everyone who participated or donated money to Shantytown.

Jennifer Keck,  
Habitat for Humanity Public relations chairperson and senior elementary education major



# Johnetta Jones selected Person of the Year

## Friend, mentor to campus

*Editor's Note: Each year The Daily Eastern News picks a person or a group of people as the Person of the Year. This award is given to the individual or individuals who have most impacted Eastern students in a positive way during the course of the year. The Daily Eastern News' Spring 2004 editorial board, comprised of John Chambers, editor in chief; Matt Meinheit, managing editor; Matt Williams, news editor; Carly Mullady, associate news editor; Jennifer Chiariello, editorial page editor; and Matthew Stevens, sports editor, named Johnetta Jones as this year's Person of the Year.*

**At issue**

The person or group of people who had the most impact on the campus community in a positive light.

**Our stance**

Johnetta Jones won the award.

The Eastern community suffered many losses and overcame great challenges following the passing of Ms. Johnetta Jones, director of Minority Affairs.

Impacting close to 1 million lives on campus, Ms. Jones was a coworker, mentor and friend.

During her 26 years at Eastern, Ms. Jones established numerous minority programs and celebrations such as the annual Latino Heritage Month Celebration, the African-American Heritage Celebration and the Minority Student Leadership Council.

Ms. Jones' work on job hiring and accreditation committees made her known by the faculty and administrators of Eastern. But her time dedicated to the Gateway Program, a provisional program for those who did not meet Eastern's regular admission standards, acquainted her with hundreds of students.

Many credit Ms. Jones with helping further the minority enrollment at Eastern because of her involvement with Minority Affairs.

According to fact sheets from the university's Planning and Institutional Studies Department, the percentage of minority students has nearly doubled under her tenure, jumping from 7.4 percent in 1991 to 13.2 percent in 2003.

Ms. Jones has chaired the Minority Affairs Office since 1989 and served as the director of African-American studies from 1977 to 1989 prior to her position as director of Minority Affairs.

A nine-person search committee consisting of students, faculty and administrators, continues the search started Feb. 15 for a director of Minority Affairs replacement, with a goal of finalizing a candidate by July 1, the first day of fiscal year 2005.

Besides a lifetime of professional accomplishments, Ms. Jones made it a point to listen to anyone who wanted to talk. She knew at least one person in every academic department, and she helped students make up for any disadvantages they might have coming into Eastern.

"She was always interested in people," said her mother, Jennie Jones.

For these reasons, *The Daily Eastern News* awards Jones Person of the Year.



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A stone dedicated to the memory of Johnetta Jones rests in the Commemorative Courtyard.

## Listening to all, reaching out to many

By John Chambers  
SENIOR WRITER

Jennie Jones said one thing over and over: "She loved people."

And they loved her right back.

Jennie's daughter, Ms. Johnetta Jones, was a great cook, she won awards. She loved to garden, she couldn't get enough of Christmas and she could find a bargain no matter how hard it was to hunt down.

Ms. Jones' hobbies helped make her an interesting woman, but her presence at Eastern caused some here to call her a legend.

*The Daily Eastern News* named Ms. Jones Person of the Year because of how many lives she touched. Her former coworkers estimate she impacted the lives of close to 1 million through her work at the university.

She had been at Eastern for 26 years before dying Oct. 11 at age 56 because of a severe infection worsened by the ingestion of E. coli.

Many on campus looked at her as a mother figure because she was always willing to listen, offering advice when asked.

She wouldn't always tell students what they wanted to hear, but as director of Minority Affairs, her concern reached beyond advising minority students, said Cythnia Nichols, director of the Civil Rights Office.

She would say to students, "You know what you have to do, do it," encouraging them to be stay active in their education, said Priscilla Winger, Ms. Jones' secretary for 16 years.

### Ms. Jones mother to many

Even though Ms. Jones never had children of her own, she loved having them around. She spoiled her nieces and nephews, Winger said.

"We called (Minority Affairs) the baby office. If a baby came in, I'd grab them and then she'd grab them," Winger said.

Former students would bring their children back for Ms. Jones to see.

Growing up, "she had the opportunity to do a lot of mothering," Jennie said. "She was always the motherly type."

The Jones were raised in Carbondale. Ms. Jones was the oldest of four children and would drag her brother, Danny, to the university library while she attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.



Johnetta Jones

Danny soon knew as much about the library as his older sister. Ms. Jones read history books to him as bedtime stories, Jennie said.

"He, to this day, loves history," Jennie said. "Instead of reading fairy tales to him, she would give him a history book."

Ms. Jones later attended Kent State University

where she helped organize civil rights events during the 1960s.

After coming to Eastern in 1977, it did not take long for Ms. Jones to make friends. Soon she knew at least one person in every department, Winger said.

Nichols said Ms. Jones had a certain management style: She would walk around and just talk to people.

Ms. Jones was connected to people of all walks of life, said Don Dawson, an academic adviser in Minority Affairs since 1991.

She began the Gateway Program more than 20 years ago to give students who were not accepted to Eastern another chance to take classes here.

"She was the first person to take a chance on someone," said Dawson, who works with the Gateway Program.

With Ms. Jones gone, her coworkers do not have the opportunity to hear as much news about everyone else, about the campus community, said Pam Warpenburg, secretary in Minority Affairs.

"She had connections from one coast to another," said Warpenburg, who met Ms. Jones in 1992.

Ms. Jones helped with Upward Bound and organizing summer workshops. She taught African-American studies and sociology courses.

Her coworkers said she never really sat down. Banquets would find Ms. Jones making rounds from table to table talking.

Nichols is helping create a memory book of submitted memories of Ms. Jones. They are still coming in on slips of paper, e-mails and other ways, she said, hoping it can be given to Ms. Jones' family soon.

A scholarship set up in Ms. Jones name will

### Past winners:

- ◆ 2003-Father Chris Brey and Roy Lanham, of the Newman Center
- ◆ 2002-Lou Hencken, President
- ◆ 2001-Rick Samuels, men's basketball coach
- ◆ 2000-David Radavich, UPI negotiating team
- ◆ 1999-Melissa Girtin, student who pushed for the Panther Express
- ◆ 1998-Members of the AFSCME Local 981
- ◆ 1997-Erin Weed, student who pushed for recycling program
- ◆ 1996-Lisa Garrison, student who established EIU Peace Talks

be awarded for the first time in fall 2005. The scholarship has already collected \$25,000, according to the EIU Foundation.

Ms. Jones' death brought to the forefront how sorely she will be missed by the campus community, but what she did while she was alive, will put her in the books of Eastern's history, Nichols said.

"I have only been on campus for two years, but she seemed to be a legend," said Joycelynn Phillips, an academic adviser with Minority Affairs, "She had such a presence. You knew she was there."

Ms. Jones loved to garden and shop, but also read romance novels, Warpenburg said.

"Her romances could have stacked to the top of Old Main," Warpenburg said.

If Ms. Jones were told *The News* was recognizing her as Person of the Year, "she would be smiling and probably try to steer the recognition away from her," Warpenburg said.

"They really know what they're doing. Where's the food?," Warpenburg said Ms. Jones would have said.



# Southern fraternity turns Eastern heads

By Ashley Haussy  
STAFF WRITER

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale permanently suspended its Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity on April 20, after finding members violated eight charges, which led to the death of 19-year-old freshman Brent Johnson of Seymour, Ill.

Johnson, a pledge, was at a Cedar Lake fraternity outing when his canoe capsized during early morning on April 5. Although hazing does not appear to have occurred, the fraternity was in violation of the guidelines covered in the university's alcohol policy.

During investigation, the university did find hazing had previously occurred during the spring pledge period.

Eastern's former president of Pi Kappa Alpha Brendan Nevin, a junior speech communications major, said the fraternity was completely in shock because of the incident. He said pledging is supposed to be a learning

process and the fraternity should not do anything to endanger the pledges' health.

"All the chapters should be on the same level and when something like this happens it breaks up the organization," Nevin said.

The death of Johnson marks the third national drowning of a Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity member in the past two years. Albert Santos of the University of Nevada at Reno and George Rocha Jr. of Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, were both pledges who drowned during Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity-related events, according to Southern's campus newspaper, *The Daily Egyptian*.

Taft Zitoun, a sophomore marketing major and Eastern's Pi Kappa Alpha president, said the organization has received criticism because of the incident. He feels that emphasis should be taken off the fact that Johnson was a member of a certain group.

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"This is definitely a tragedy, but people should view this as more of an isolated incident," Zitoun said.

Eastern's chapter feels as though they have taken steps to ensure that something like this doesn't occur here.

Everything is done by the National Council book and all fraternity events are registered through the Student Life office, Zitoun said.

Dave Dvorak, a junior history and pre-law major, is the new member educator for Eastern's chapter of Pi Kappa

Alpha.

He said hazing does not occur in the chapter and, unlike Southern, the chapter house at Eastern is a "dry house," which means no drinking is allowed.

Among the more serious rules the Southern fraternity broke were involving alcohol at a fraternity-related event and making alcohol available to minors.

Since the chapter began in 1988, it has had four infractions, three of which involved alcohol.

But, the main factors in the university's ruling were the severity of Johnson's injuries, inconsistent reports from the members about the event, the chapter's history of violations and new evidence of hazing.

Southern's Pi Kappa Alpha will have until Friday to appeal the decision made by the university.

If the appeal does not occur, this will be the first time a Southern fraternity or sorority is banned from the university.



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A construction worker ties up wire as he winds down his day Tuesday afternoon outside of Doudna. The company was drilling a hole for the elevator shaft to be placed in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

## Tarble finished, Doudna to begin

By Liz Richards  
STAFF WRITER

A number of campus construction projects have been completed, while the largest one, the Doudna Fine Arts Center, still needs work.

The Tarble Arts Building has been completed at a total cost of \$2 million. All the funding was generated through private donation.

"The expansion consists of an electronic gallery, multi-use lobby, meeting room and public toilets," said Steve Shrake, director of physical planning and management.

The renovations were requested by the building occupants earlier this year.

Another project Shrake said planning and management was hoping to get started was the Doudna Fine Arts Building.

The available funding for the renovation is currently \$41.3 million, Shrake said. One part of the project has been completed, but the rest still waits for more work. The unfinished work is projected to be completed 30 months after it is started.

Renovations to Doudna will include the demolition of the west wing, an addition to the east side of the building and the complete renovation to part of the building.

Pemberton Hall also has been going through changes. Before this year, the original windows were still in tact, but were beginning to deteriorate, Shrake said.

"This project is complete except for five remaining rooms on the east side," Shrake said. "Those rooms will be completed this summer after the occupants vacate the rooms."

The average cost for each window is between \$1,800 and \$2,000.

Special care must be taken for Pemberton because it is a building classified on the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency's National Register of Historic Places. Pemberton, built in 1908, earned such classification because it is more than 50 years old.

The Physical Science Building will receive new roofs at the end of the spring over the north and south wings and will be completed by the fall, Shrake said. The cost of this change is \$115,000.

"The roofs are original to the 1970 additions and have reached the end of their expected life. Campus roofs are inspected annually and prioritized," Shrake said.

Taylor Hall is going to have \$880,000 in renovations starting after the spring semester and finishing before students come back in the fall. The renovations were requested by the housing department.

"The original built-in furniture will be removed, and new paint, doors, lighting and carpet will be installed," Shrake said. "New furniture will also be installed in these rooms."

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Dan Zimmerman, a university electrician, installs temporary lighting in the second floor of Blair Hall Thursday afternoon.



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# Picking up the pieces

Mike Schnepfer, of Consolidated Communications, puts together a phone for Dean Augustine in his temporary office in the old Clinical Services building Thursday morning. Schnepfer was one of four consolidated workers trying to get all the phones working in all the temporary offices.



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Lisa New Freeland, a sociology professor, talks to her Research Methods class in the Rathskellar of the the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. New Freeland thanked her students for their support. Many students photocopied their notes and gave them to the professors who may have lost all their notes in the Blair Hall fire.

## Burned: CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A Securing the building

Workers had been cleared to have access to floors one and two, which are safe and navigable; however, the third floor is not.

"The roof is literally down on the floor," Cooley said.

Gary Hanebrink, chief environmental safety officer, said despite the building's condition, the third floor is stable. No one will be allowed on the third floor except for repair purposes.

"We are trying to secure the third floor by taking the hazards away,"

Hanebrink said and added there are "lots of low hanging hazards and things; we must protect our workers."

Hanebrink said workers did not enter the building until they were cleared to by the engineer, and are now following his repair suggestions.

Hanebrink said work needs to be done to the rooftop windows sticking out on the north and south of the building. He referred to them as "V windows." He said they are located over the stairs and are not being held up by anything. Before anyone can go on the third floor or enter through the south entrance, they must be removed.

President Lou Hencken said that on Monday a construction company will put braces on the four triangle concrete peaks that remain on Blair. They will then begin to put a roof on the building to prevent weather damage, he said. There has been some concern that the four peaks could fall if they are not braced in the near future.

Hanebrink said "as far as repairing, we are putting a roof on to make it weather tight. It will take the next couple of weeks."

Several people including Hencken, Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, and State Sen. Dale Righter,

R-Mattoon, walked through Blair Hall Thursday afternoon.

"It's amazing the good shape the first and second floor are in . . . the third floor is just a catastrophe," Righter said

### Removal of belongings

The north entrance of Blair Hall has served as the extraction point for personal belongings still in the building.

Michelle Barber, a senior early childhood education major, was in class on the third floor when the building was evacuated and left her book

bag in the room.

"I lost all my notes for three of my four classes. It's kind of hard to study for finals," she said.

Barber's teachers have been understanding of the incident, she said.

Some people have been happy to find many of their valuables were still intact, while their office neighbors' possessions were completely destroyed.

Bob Augustine, dean of the Graduate School and Research, said until workers go in each office, it is impossible to tell which offices are intact and which are destroyed.

Augustine said he made out well, being able to recover his books and personal belongings, but his assistant's office, which was right next door, has nearly nothing left.

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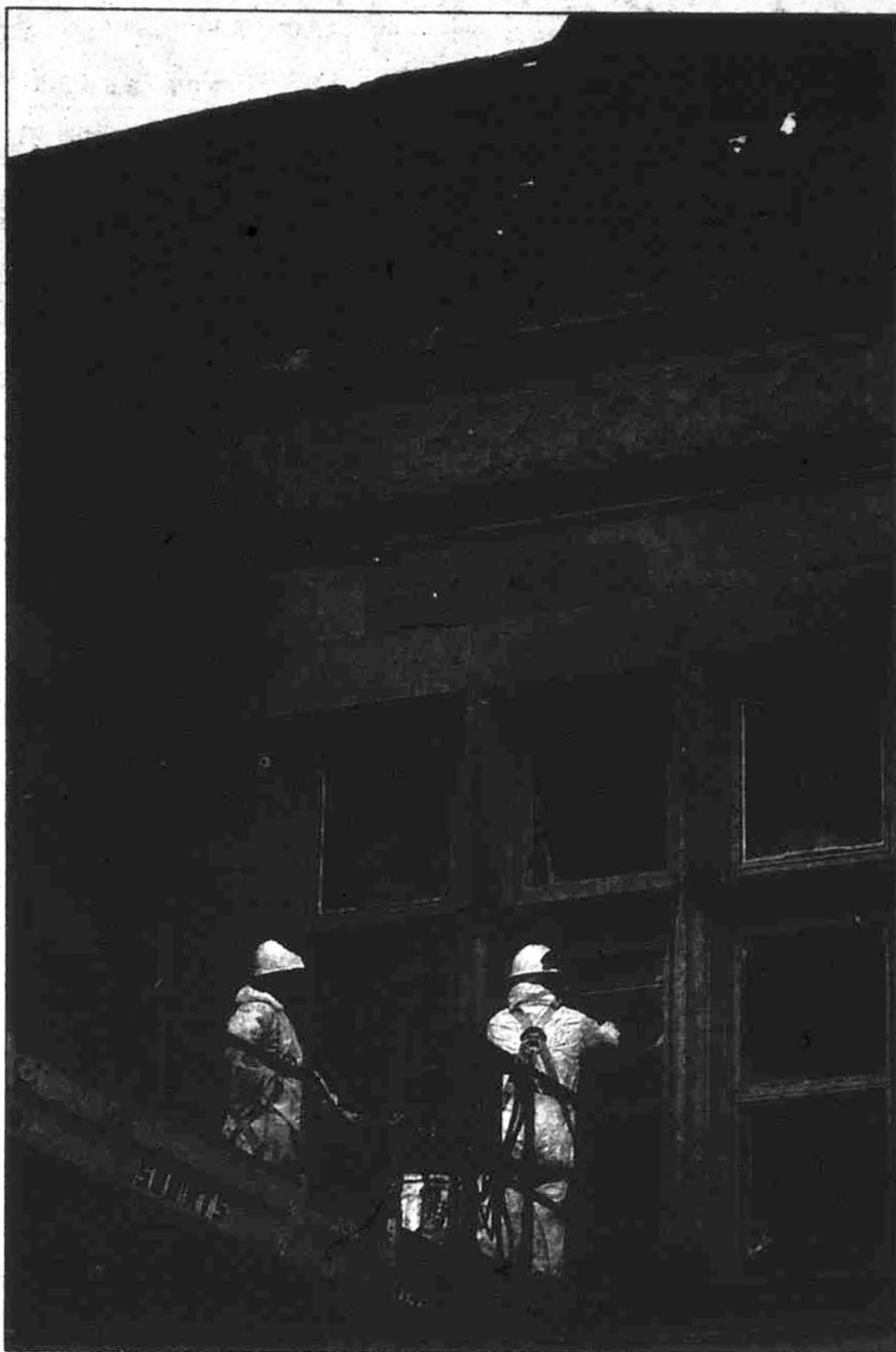
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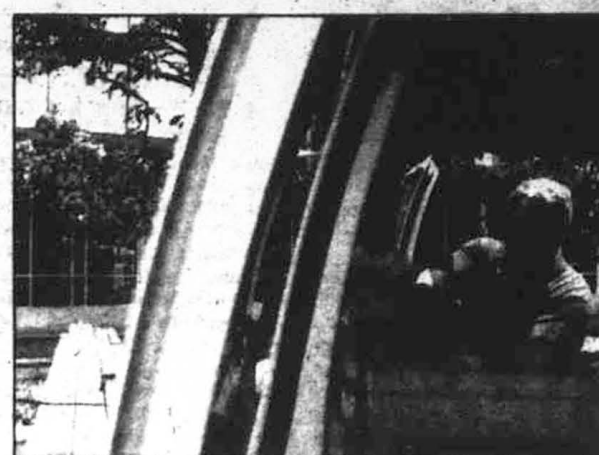




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# Cribs offers blueprint for future residents

By John Jasper  
STAFF WRITER

Pemberton Hall is the new home to the winner of the Residence Hall Association's EIU Cribs contest. The contest, in which students compete to decorate their rooms for prizes, was sponsored by the Residence Hall Association and directed by RHA member Margaret Bookie. "We wanted to take pictures of rooms to show incoming students interesting ways that they can set up their rooms other than the norm," Bookie said. Bookie brought her proposal to the RHA meeting and an information packet was given to applicants from each hall. Flyers advertising the event were posted in residence halls. Approximately 70 people signed up to participate in the contest, Bookie said. The winner received a \$50 gift certificate for food services donated by the Housing and Dining Services. A picture was taken of each room that signed up for the con-

test, and those photos were then shown to a panel of judges during a power point presentation. "There were four criteria that the rooms were judged on," Bookie said. "Each criterion had a maximum score of 10 points." The first criterion was originality. The score was based on how the resident used the materials already provided in the room. The next criterion was creativity. Points were based on items the resident brought in to the room by themselves. The third criterion was decoration, judged on how their room was set up and how well it was decorated. The last criterion was accessibility. This last judgment was based on how easy it was to get around the room and how clutter free it was. The winner of the contest was Alison Personette in Room 308 of Pemberton Hall. "It was really cool to win because I know there were a lot of rooms entered in the contest," Personette said. Personette won \$50 worth of dining dollars and a certificate.

## Faculty:

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"Fire doesn't discriminate," said Gary Foster, sociology and anthropology department chair. "Some individuals have been with us for four years and some have been here for over 30 years. The fire took away from the people who have been here four years as much as the people who have been here for 30." Foster's office was on the the second floor of Blair and he is optimistic some of his belongings will be recovered. High on his list is a 40-year-old rollout desk that was given to him by his grandmother. Assistant Sociology Professor Lisa New Freeland also fears remnants of her grandmother will be gone for good. "I had audio files of my grandmother who died three weeks ago," New Freeland said. Sociology Professor Reed Benedict was beyond agitated with the loss of his 10 years of research. "It took me 10 years to acquire my data the first time and it may take another 10 years but I understand it will be a multi-year process," Benedict said. Although many faculty members felt they lost their belongings,

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some of them had hope. "If they can just recover one file cabinet for me, I'll just cry with joy," New Freeland said. Later Thursday afternoon, a truck pulled up to the old Clinical Services building and some hopes were answered. In the truck were bins filled with some faculty members' possessions including pictures, computers, cabinets filled with files and a copy machine still dripping with water. Associate Sociology Professor Janet Cosbey lost her grade book in the fire but got her diploma and

her wallet with her driver's license and credit cards. "I thought I lost everything, but I guess it's not as bad as I thought," Cosbey said. Cosbey and fellow sociology instructor Debbie Cunningham seemed very upbeat and looked at the bright side of the situation. "Nobody got hurt so it could have been a lot worse," Cunningham said. "I'm impressed they got us offices and we have a place to stay," Cosbey said as she laid her daughter's baby pictures out on paper towels on her office floor. Kashefi and New Freeland both had classes to teach today and both answered the students' questions. "I had two classes today," Kashefi said. "We only met for about 30 minutes and all I did was discuss the overall situation and final exams." Kashefi was one of the faculty members the fire hit hardest and he perhaps is taking it the hardest as well. He said even his students can't keep his mind off what happened. With the smell of smoke and the sight of fire trucks driving down Seventh Street, it's hard for the faculty to shake off the effects of the fire. "We'll all be starting over," Cosbey said.

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# Finals week pressure brings about temptations

By Julie Bourque  
CAMPUS EDITOR

With the pressure of final exams coming, students may feel the temptation to cheat.

Judicial Affairs has dealt with 25 cheating violations this year, as of April 12, and Keith Kohanzo, student judicial hearing officer, said more violations may occur with finals week approaching.

“We don’t usually see too much of an increase of cheating violations during finals, but it does happen,” Kohanzo said.

When a student is caught cheating on an assignment, quiz, exam or final, the act must be reported to Judicial Affairs, but the discipline for the act depends on the circumstances under which the student cheats.

“There are no fixed sanctions for discipline,” Kohanzo said. “Every student can be treated as appropriate, but we do strive for a certain amount of consistency. We give the professors sanctions to follow for certain types of circumstances.”

Kohanzo said there is a big difference in disciplinary measure between a student who cheats on a 10-point quiz and a student who burglarizes the professor’s office to take the final exam, which has happened at Eastern.

“We had a graduate assistant who was teaching a botany lab and had all the plants laid out for the final with their names underneath them,” Kohanzo said. “When (the graduate assistant) went home for the day, she noticed her keys were

## Sleep and study breaks the best benefit for late crammers

By Brittany Robson  
CAMPUS REPORTER

With finals starting Monday, some students will have their weekend defined by huge cups of coffee, sleepless nights and lots of pizza.

Because it is crunch time for many students, Eastern professors share their advice and study tips.

“Keep up on the reading and attend the last classes, students, to know the material,” speech professor Terry Perkins said.

Math professor Charles Delman said not to just memorize the information, but to think about the big ideas. He also advised to think about the ideas being used behind the methods.

Associate economics professor Eric Hake had some non-academic advice to share.

“Go to sleep when you can’t

think any more,” Hake said. “Many people like to stay up late and not sleep; that doesn’t benefit students.”

Hake said students only need three things during finals week: sleep, food and studying. He advised students to take short naps.

Associate history professor Martin Hardeman said students should do what works for them.

“Some people like to work alone and some prefer to work in groups,” Hardeman said. “The library is a good quiet place to study. I’ve heard there are many distractions in dorm rooms.”

Assistant chemistry professor Scott Tremain said his study tip is to spread out the studying and not to cram.

“Start studying today and stay fresh,” Tremain said. “Also, exercise or have dinner with a friend as a break from studying.”

Some students, like Amber Smith, a sophomore physical education major, already have their study schedule planned.

“I study six to eight hours a day, starting Saturday, and take 20 minutes to half hour breaks,” Smith said. “I either study at the library or the Newman Catholic Center.”

Smith said she made a schedule so she will not be burned out with studying for finals.

Hilary Hancock, a freshman undeclared major, said she will spend the weekend re-reading chapters and old notes, going over old tests and quizzes, doing practice problems and making flash cards.

To help with the pressures of final exams, the Counseling Center and the Health Education Resource Center have held test anxiety and study tip workshops and have also given free massages to relieve stress.

id’s.”

Needless to say, the ringer was caught, and both girls were suspended from Eastern for one year.

“The really sad part of this story, though, is that both girls had a 3.5 GPA,” Kohanzo said.

Kohanzo said Judicial Affairs has dealt with other incidents, including a cheating scandal where three students had used the same final in previous years. Though the incidents had happened prior to the year the one student was caught, all students involved were either expelled, suspended or charged with burglary.

Kohanzo, also said, if necessary, Judicial Affairs can retract a degree from a student if it has valid cause, meaning if they can prove the student was cheating while in school.

To prevent future cases of cheating, professors are extra watchful during this time.

Ann Fritz, assistant biological sciences professor, said she and her department try to avoid giving students any chances at cheating.

“I am more aware that students may be feeling more pressure at this time, so I try to be careful about leaving exams out in my office,” Fritz said. “We don’t want to give students any temptation that they may not otherwise act on if they weren’t under the pressure of finals.”

Other departments take the action of, instead of using mail boxes, directly giving their final exams to their secretaries and then having the secretaries directly return the exams to them when it is time to test to the students.

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# Rain causes Service Day extension, there’s work to finish

◆ *Panther Service Day volunteers to finish painting Sunday*

By Jaclyn Gorski  
STAFF WRITER

With two houses painted and seven to go, Panther Service Day was extended this week because of rain last Saturday. Houses will continue to be painted on Sunday by students who volunteered to help clean up the community. “Volunteers have finished scraping, but the painting still needs to be finished,” said project coordinator Caleb Judy. Volunteers continued the project throughout the week. The exact numbers of volunteers is not known, Judy said. “We made a commitment to the owners of the houses to finish painting,” Judy said. If the houses don’t get done by graduation, Judy said he will go back during intercession to finish them before he starts his summer job with the Peace Corps. Volunteers still had the paint and scrapers that were originally donated from Saturday. Panther Service Day received financial donations from several organizations. “This was done to do community service to bring our whole school and community together,” assistant coordinator Becky Diehl said. “Students and people from around the area worked together to unify the community.”



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Caleb Judy paints a house at 1420 Jefferson Street as part of Panther Service Day Wednesday afternoon.

# Philosophy department adds, revises courses to program

By Brandon Netiuk  
STAFF WRITER

The Council on Academic Affairs Thursday passed philosophy courses that will change the number of electives, and elected a new chair and vice chair. The council unanimously approved a program revision that will be effective for the fall semester. The changes include adding three courses, taking out three courses and adding two components to the major. The two added components will be Metaphysics and Eastern Philosophy.

The revisions would change the number of electives for philosophy majors, Jonelle DePetro, philosophy department chair, said. The council also unanimously approved the addition of a new course and the revision of another. Philosophy 3500 “Metaphysics” will look at contemporary analytical metaphysics. The course would count for three credit hours and would be offered in the spring of odd numbered years. Philosophy 3720 “Theory of Knowledge” is a three credit hour course and is an examination of contemporary theories of knowl-

### New courses and major electives

- New courses:**
- ◆ PHI 3500 Metaphysics
  - ◆ PHI 3720 Theory of Knowledge
  - ◆ SPC 4749 Senior Portfolio

- Revised electives:**
- ◆ Metaphysics
  - ◆ Eastern Philosophy

Portfolio” was passed by a vote of 8-2 with one member abstaining. The course will provide a place where the senior portfolios required by majors can be officially recorded as completed. The course is enrolled by arrangement, and students don’t have to pay for the course because it is zero credit hours. Speech Communication 4749 will be a graduation requirement for speech majors. The council also elected journalism professor James Tidwell as council chair, and assistant history professor Deb Reid as vice chair.

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## Liesen: Senior broke both school and conference scoring titles

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Some people may call her reserved, others may call her shy and some may just call her quiet.

But all of that doesn't matter on the field, which is where she has cemented herself as one of the best women's soccer players ever to step foot on Eastern's Lakeside Field.

Her coach, Steve Ballard, has been with her at Eastern since she started playing for the Panthers four years ago.

Her personality suits him just fine. In fact, as her coach, he has come to appreciate the way she is very much.

"It's safe to say that in her case actions speak louder than words," Ballard said. "She's always cherished her teammates and that is what makes her such a good team player."

Not much else could be more important in a sport like soccer because to make an impact like Liesen has offensively, she has to be completely in tune with the rest of her team.

It didn't take long for Liesen to make herself a key player for Eastern by netting 15 goals in her freshman season. After that, Ballard and the rest of the Panthers could count on her to be among the leaders in goals scored, assists and points in the OVC and even at the national level.

But in the unselfish way she has always conducted herself, Liesen can only credit her teammates and her coach before herself for putting up those kind of numbers.

"In a game like soccer, you have to depend on your teammates to score," Liesen said. "I was lucky to have great players surround me all the time that I was here. That is the main reason I was able to put up the kind of numbers that I did."

But looking past the team aspect of soccer, her true talent shined year in and year out. That includes talent in the classroom just as much as on the field.

This past season, she was named to all-academic teams in the OVC and in the district, proving that her work ethic relates success to both on the field and as an early childhood education major.

She finished this year with 20 goals and nine assists, and she is extremely happy with those numbers for a final year. Overall, she reached the goals she set for herself while here, and now seems just as ready to move on to what she needs to do after school and after college athletics.

Liesen understands the fact she won't be looking too hard for a future in soccer, but

### Women's Past Winners

2003	Kate Taake
2002	Beth Liesen
2001	Jeanine Frederick
2000	Meleah Cutler
1999	Leah Aldrich-Franklin
1998	Amanda Dore
1997	Jen Cherveney

instead looks forward to even more time in the classroom as a teacher. But she also hopes some soccer is in her near future.

"I might play around on some traveling teams this summer and in the future," Liesen said. "But I'm going to be focusing on student

teaching and maybe somewhere down the line I will probably think about coaching."

From the way her younger teammates recall the time they spent with her on the team, that coaching career could be a definite opportunity

because of the way she knows the game and relates to the players.

"She was always a leader for the team while I was there," freshman midfielder Trisha Walter said. "The biggest thing I took away from her was just how hard we need to work. Her work ethic was what everyone could notice. It was obvious."

All that work ethic led to double digits in goals three out of her four years at Eastern.

Only in her junior year did her numbers go down when she dropped from 18 goals to nine, but she did assist on three more goals in her junior year than she did in her sophomore year.

Those numbers, which resulted in All-OVC First Team honors every year, weren't what was important to her. Better than all those awards, Liesen remembers the good times on the field with her teammates much more fondly.

What sticks out in her mind now was coming off the field after the Panthers lost their first round game in this year's NCAA Women's College Cup.

After losing to Missouri, Liesen wasn't crushed or deflated because of the loss. She was just simply grateful for the opportunity to play in that situation three years in a row.

"That last game I wasn't really disappointed because I just loved being there, playing in that kind of game," Liesen said. "We had plenty of chance to win that game, so I really don't feel that they beat us. The atmosphere we played in during those kind of games is just amazing."

Not many players can say their last moment walking off the field was everything they had wanted.

'No regrets' would be just about the one and only way to sum up Beth Liesen's career at Eastern.

## Weber: Weber will return as graduate assistant

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The Teutopolis native started playing the game he now loves more than anything in a summer tennis camp with a broken racquetball racket.

"Not only did I not know the difference of a racquetball racket from a tennis racket, but it was broken too," Weber said. "I played in this camp for an entire year with a broken string. The next year I found out that hey, I kinda like this stuff."

That kid in the summer camp ended his college career as the 2004 Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year which is an honor he attributes to so many people other than himself.

"I couldn't have asked for much more out of my senior year," Weber said. "I'm so thankful for everyone on my team and my coaches for helping me along the way."

Two of those people helping him were his parents, who have been supportive of his tennis journey the whole way.

"I'm convinced that I have the greatest parents in the world," Weber said. "I could've given up on tennis a long time ago and they would've been totally fine with it. They really became the parents of the team at all the matches - home or away."

Holzgrafe believes many of the qualities Weber shows are from his parents.

"You are born with some of that, but he really feels unconditional love from mom and dad," Holzgrafe said. "His dad is a real (honest) guy who on good matches will tell him he played well and on bad matches ask him what went wrong."

During the recruiting process, Weber was nearly positive Eastern wasn't where he wanted to take his talent on the court. With the campus being 40 minutes away from home and nationally-ranked schools sending him letters, Weber had a difficult decision in front of him.

"When I was a senior in high school, I was almost 100 percent sure I wasn't coming to Eastern. I thought I might want to get away and experience another place," Weber said. "Western Michigan, Northern Illinois and Ball State were all contacting me and these are at least Top 75 programs."

To be named the best player in his conference is something Weber would consider the biggest achieved goal in his life. However, he didn't even pay attention to

### Men's Past Winners

2003	Henry Domercant
2002	Tony Romo
2001	Kyle Hill
2000	Gabe Spezia
1999	Tom Combes
1998	Rick Kaye
1997	Matt Hughes

the award until his final year as a Panther.

"When I came to Eastern, winning that was something that I would consider a dream come true," Weber said. "I guess I was runner up last year and I didn't even realize it, but I figured if I were that close as a junior, I could do it as a senior."

Holzgrafe has been impressed with the overall sportsmanship and domination Weber has exhibited throughout the OVC in his matches.

"This is a

*"This is a guy who hugs players after matches in which he's just creamed a kid."*

—Brian Holzgrafe, Eastern tennis coach

guy who hugs players after matches in which he's just creamed a kid," Holzgrafe said. "He really never gets into the specifics of who he is playing and what this match means. To him, it's just a tennis match."

This humbleness has led his coach to tell him how important some of his career wins really were.

"I watched him beat the top amateur player in Australia and the top boy in Germany and I'm the one who has to tell him about it," Holzgrafe said. "This dude is representing the USA and he doesn't even know it."

Even though his college career is now over at Eastern, Weber stresses he will continue to be involved in tennis by accepting a position as a graduate assistant next season with the Panthers.

"I am looking forward to continuing my tennis career as a coach because nobody more than me realizes the impact of a coach. I could be a role model and mentor to another player," Weber said. "I love tennis; it's the reason I came to college and I want it to be part of my life forever."

No matter where Weber decides his life through tennis will take him, he's sure he will have success similar to what he experienced on the court.

"I'm a little disappointed that my college career is done but at this point whatever I do in this sport from now on is icing on the cake," Weber said. "I have no doubt great things will happen to me if I believe that they will happen."

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## Panther sports calendar

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	Softball at Tennessee State(2)	1 p.m. Away



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# ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



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## King of courts

C.J. Weber takes his talents to the top of OVC honors, and he probably didn't even know it

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS REPORTER

It's not everyday that a coach says he's better simply for being associated with his player on a daily basis.

"I can tell you that a lot of people could be like C.J., but I've never seen anything like it before out of a kid," Eastern coach Brian Holzgrafe said.

It may be because Weber was a big reason for the perception of the tennis team being changed.

"To be honest, whether it's school, religion, parents or tennis, he's always had a strong moral position and that's why I love that kid; because he's truly himself," Holzgrafe said. "I hate to say this but when I got to Eastern, there was a disease in this program related to accountability of the players. His influence and that pulse has affected every person on this team."

Even when he answers the phone with his "na, na, na!", Weber exhibits his true personality, which his coach describes as a down-to-earth feel rare in college athletics.

"He's an average kid who is a total goofball and he's never really changed his personality since I've known him," Holzgrafe said.

The goofball in Weber was shown in no bigger way than on the team road trips which the senior and fellow teammate Brandon Blankenbaker assumed the roles of Panther pranksters.

"Always on the tennis trips we are horsing around and being stupid," Weber said. "Brandon is a phenomenal player and we've grown up together and it's cool I get to finish my eligibility with him."

Weber's tennis career began in what could be considered the most humble of beginnings.

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### Liesen's Statistics

- ◆ 49 points in 2003
- ◆ 20 goals
- ◆ 9 assists
- ◆ 2003 Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year
- ◆ OVC's and Eastern's all time points(149) and goals (62) leader
- ◆ Third Team All-Great Lakes Region

### Weber's Statistics

- ◆ 17-3 at No. 1 singles
- ◆ 7-0 conference record
- ◆ 15-3 record teamed with Brandon Blankenbaker as the No. 1 doubles team
- ◆ 2004 Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year
- ◆ 44-18 career singles record

## Lakeside queen

Beth Liesen has just about every offensive category to her name after four years at Eastern

By Aaron Seidlitz  
SPORTS EDITOR

She has been down this road before, that much is obvious. In fact, throughout her entire career at Eastern, Beth Liesen has been successful and has always dealt with that success in the classiest and most professional manner.

The fact she had just been informed of being named *The Daily Eastern News* female athlete of the year, for the second time in her four year career no less, didn't phase her.

She remained the same as always; gracious and a fairly complacent manner came across as soon as she started talking about the achievement.

"That is great to hear," Liesen said in a plain voice. "It's always nice to be given awards like this; it shows that the work I've put has paid off."

But it isn't a big deal to her that she has won an award. Maybe that's

because she is named something different just about every week as post season accolades are handed out.

Liesen always seems to stay on the same emotional level no matter what the moment may present, and this is no exception.

The lack of surprise with which she greets this news could be considered cocky by those who haven't followed her throughout her time at Eastern.

But that would be an entirely wrong impression to get of the woman who has been the focal point of an Eastern team winning Ohio Valley Conference tournament championships for three consecutive years.

Perhaps this reserved demeanor is why she has found as much success as she has over her time at Eastern. The cliché that athletes have big heads and even bigger egos just isn't true for her.

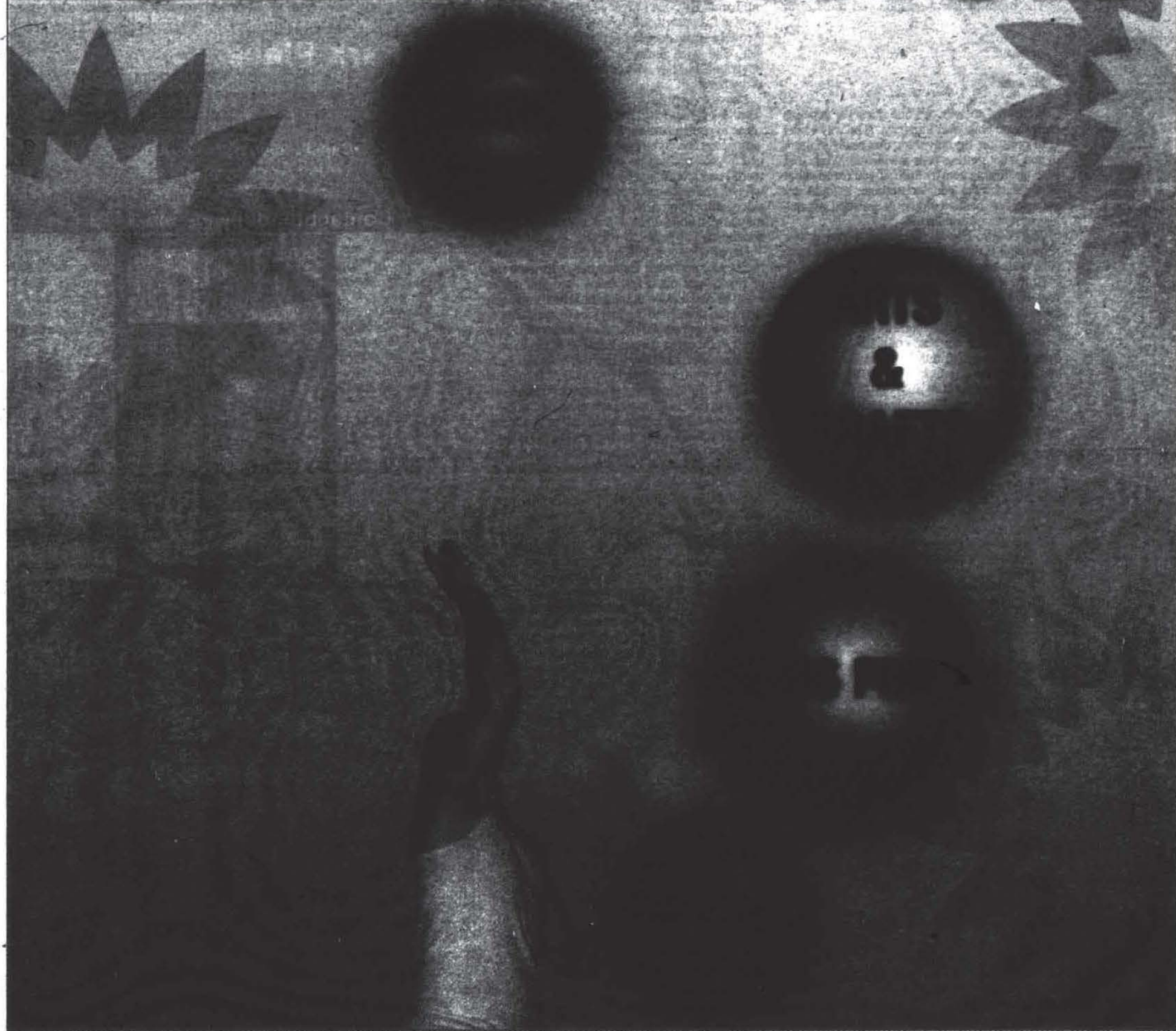
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## CELEBRATION



## Celebrating 27 years with music, crafts, food

By Nicole Nicoles  
FEATURES REPORTER

In 1977, the dean of the Fine Arts College wanted to celebrate the role art plays in our lives, so he brought together a variety of art entertain-

ment with a Celebration.

The Celebration started by a past dean of fine arts, Vaughn Jaenike, is sponsored by the Illinois Art Council, City of Charleston Tourism Funds and the Development Campaign for Celebration.

"(It's a) big party for the end of the year. (We're) throwing a party for students before they go home," said Dan Crews, director of Celebration.

Eastern's event Celebration is observing its 27th anniversary with

many different musicians from a Caribbean island band, The Boat Drunks, to take you to a little ole' place called Margaritaville to Eastern's Jazz Lab performing songs by Frank Sinatra.

"So much of the style in our cul-

ture is based upon the arts," Crews said.

Music is not the only entertainment at the festival; there will also be food booths, art demonstrations, artisan vendors, plays and a magic SEE CELEBRATION ♦ Page 38



### HE SAID/SHE SAID...

How to avoid an ass beating when after you sleep with your housemate's girlfriend.

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### DVD REVIEWS

In addition to Bill not dying in Vol. 1, the DVD leaves quite a bit to be desired. Tarantino is probably holding off for the good features until the box set.

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An Eastern alumni makes it big singing opera at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

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Friday the Poprocks play Gunner Buc's while Bottle of Justus play's Friends & Co. Then Saturday the Tossers get their turn at Friends

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## ADVICE COLUMN

## Bitter breakup blues

Evan Hill  
VERGE EDITOR

I've been sleeping with one of my housemate's girlfriends for a few months now.

I'm preparing to graduate and need to break off the relationship as peacefully as possible. It's not as if we have any plans for the future or anything. Our relationship was just a random hookup that kept going because it was convenient. My question is how I can break it off with her without her getting too pissed off. I wouldn't be walking on such eggshells, except I'm afraid she might end up telling my housemate, and he's sure to be pretty mad. Although I'm not all that concerned about losing this guy as a friend, or this girl as a booty call, but I do, however, fear the possibility of an ass kicking for sleeping with a housemate's significant other.

In all of this self-inflicted mess, I need to drop this girl, avoid my friend and somehow come away unscathed. I'm willing to take consequence for my own stupidity and the mistake I've made, but I don't really want to do it from the confines of a hospital bed in traction.

The more peaceful solution you could offer the better.

- Help

He said:

Well, my answer to your question depends entirely on your own integrity. The way I take your question, the only thing that really matters to you is not getting your ass kicked. While that is an admirable goal by itself, if you cared about either the girl or your housemate, I would say your self-respect would be in question regardless of how you handle this.

The bottom line is, you forgot to remember something a wiser man than myself once said, "don't shit where you eat."

At the least I can say congratulations for getting this far without getting caught, but the kudos end there. All three of you have problems now. Your housemate and his girlfriend obviously need to sit down and talk after the smoke clears. Personally, I think cheating is the number one warning light in a relationship regardless of what the excuse might be.

It is entirely possible your housemate might thank you in the long run, after an ass kicking, for getting him out of a problematic relationship. However, when cheating is involved, people are rarely that rational.

And as much as I would enjoy casual sex with that much convenience, it's a pretty big deal to not only hook up with your housemate's girl, but to go beyond an isolated incident and keep the booty coming for several months.

If you care about any of the people involved, do the right thing. Sit down and try to have a rational conversation with your housemate and his girlfriend. It might be a good idea to have a neutral third party present to help prevent the aforementioned "ass kicking" you fear.

However, if you want the easy way out, and I'll admit I would be quite tempted, wait until summer comes and you have some geographical distance between your housemate and his girlfriend. Then move your stuff out of the

house and start looking for a new place.

Once you have that all squared away, I would call the girlfriend and the housemate. Although, I'm not sure in what order. I guess it doesn't matter because if you call the girl first, and your prediction is correct, the first thing she will do is call the housemate. Then hopefully when you go back to school, they both will have had a chance to cool off, and you can move on with your life.

If you call the housemate first, just make sure he's not going to hop in his bronco and find you Boba Fett style. In reality, he will probably call his girlfriend first, and she will encourage him not to beat you down.

However, while it's not the happy-fun route, I would feel better about myself if I told them face to face, if I were in your shoes.

She said:

Well, well, well. We have a sticky situation on our hands, now don't we. It sounds like you were getting the best of both worlds for awhile there. Actually, she was getting a pretty good deal herself. She was getting it from not only her boyfriend, but her friends roommate? This girl is my hero!

I have to applaud you guys for getting away with this for so long. But all good things must come to end, unfortunately. Since you are graduating, she has to be prepared for some sort of end to your random hookups. So personally, if I were you I would just be up front with her and tell her, and tell her it needs to end. Then again, since both of you are having such a good time, maybe you should bring this up after one last hookup, good-bye sex, if you will.

Here's what you do. Expect the worst. Expect her to rant and rave. Expect her to throw a fist or two on spit out a few tears. And you might want to make sure nothing is within reach when you break it to her just in case she wants to make a target out of your face. Trust me, I'm a girl. I know what we are capable of. So expect the worst and hopefully it will work out just fine.

Now your friend, her boyfriend. You have to be able to figure out how important your friendship with him is. Plus you are graduating. How often are you going to see him after you leave here? If you don't plan on continuing the friendship, then screw it. Who cares if he's upset with you if you don't plan on being his best friend in the end.

Better yet, to avoid the problems, wait until graduation day to break it off with the girl. Then when she tells him you will be home free and never have to worry about the situation again.

If you plan on keeping the friendship after graduation, then all I can say is deal with it. He'll be furious, probably for awhile, but he'll eventually get over it. He's probably not going to marry this girl because she has obviously cheated on him. Some time down the road he'll realize a girl is a stupid thing to ruin a friendship.

Overall, I think it's going to be practically impossible to get out completely clean. If you have to, wait as long as possible to tell her and you should be able to avoid a little uneasiness.

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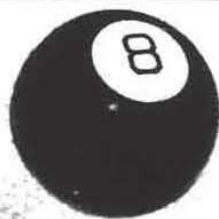
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## Year-end omnipotence reigns

While previous Magic 8-Ball entries have revolved around the same topic, the all knowing, omnipotent 8-Ball will predict a myriad of events in honor of the last issue of *The Verge* for the year.

Will the RIAA sue the rap industry for continually stealing (read: sampling) good music and turning it into hip-hop turds? (P. Diddy we're looking at you)

Magic 8-Ball says: Don't count on it.

Will Donald Trump be hired to use his catch phrase "You're Fired" (copyright pending) to announce the Presidential Election results?

Magic 8-Ball says: Ask again later.

Will the Olsen Twins make cinematic history by releasing an adult movie starring themselves soon after turning 18?

Magic 8-Ball says: Most likely.

Michael Jackson will be acquitted of all child molestation charges after it is revealed he is in, in fact, not human but an alien and our laws simply don't apply to him.

Magic 8-Ball says: Outlook good.

Will Good Charlotte be tarred and feathered after the rest of the world realizes they're posers?

Magic 8-Ball says: You may rely on it.

Will people finally stop watching MTV to protest the return of music to the channel that once toted all music programming?

Magic 8-Ball says: My reply is no.

Will Saddam Hussein get a book deal while he is awaiting trial in prison?

Magic 8-Ball says: All signs are pointing to yes.

Will Jessica Simpson finally understand buffaloes do not have wings?

Magic 8-Ball says: Without a doubt.

Will America actually remember who the stars of *Friends* were by the time the summer is over?

Magic 8-Ball says: Outlook good.

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# Festival combines art and tradition with carnival food

## Celebration:

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artisan vendors, plays and a magic show.

Crews said he came up with the idea for a garage sale called the Bizarre Bazaar, which takes place on Friday from noon to 6 p.m.

The idea is for the students to make money before summer with items they have either made or do not need such as their old furniture, Crews said.

On Friday at 11:30 a.m. and Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Eastern's 2004 Children's Theater will perform "The Arkansas Bear" at the Seventh Street Underground. Also the Charleston High School Drama department will be performing "Hello, Dolly" at 7:30 p.m. in the Charleston High School Auditorium.

There is also music for everyone, which will run from Friday at noon to Sunday until 4:30 p.m. on the library Quad. Other musicians performing are Ryan Groff and Brent Bryd, who play original acoustic folk tunes; a band called Leather Pistols that cover songs by rock bands like Bon Jovi, Def Leppard and Guns 'n' Roses; and The Little Harps on the Prairie with their Celtic folk music. For anyone who is a fan of John Mayer, there is a band called Mourning Eve that blends pop, rock, jazz, funk and a little bit of emo and classical music together.

The people who plan Celebration try to show a variety by looking for worldly music, Crews said.

### The Boat Drunks

The Caribbean island and Jimmy Buffett tribute band, The Boat Drunks from Charleston and Champaign, are set to take students away to a tropical para-



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Singer/guitarist Chris Villalobos will be one of many performers this weekend

dise on Friday at 6 p.m. in the Library Quad.

"We're looking forward to hopefully play with some decent weather and be able to play," said Jake Tatar, the lead singer and guitarist of "The Boat Drunks."

"Boat Drunks" is a song by Jimmy Buffett where the band's name originated.

"It's a popular Jimmy Buffett song (and) that's what Jimmy Buffett is all about," said Tatar.

The band formed in March of 2001 and is made up of Andy Gaines on the keyboard and harmony vocals, Mike Miller, bass guitar and harmony vocals, Howie Golub on harmonica, percussion and harmony vocals,

and Jake Tatar on lead vocals and guitar.

The band has an album out called "This Ain't Deuville Street." The basis of the album is the notion they are stuck in cold and windy Chicago and not on Deuville Street, a main street in an old Key West Town, Tatar said.

### Mourning Eve

Did you miss the chance to see John Mayer in Champaign? Well fear not, a band similar to John Mayer called Mourning Eve is performing Sunday at noon in the Library Quad.

Hailing from Illinois State University, the band will play acoustic rock, blending jazz, rock, pop, funk, emo, and classical.

"All three (of us) have different influences. (We) blend different types of music together," said Chris Stevens, the drummer for Mourning Eve.

The band's motto, "once you wake up in the morning, it's a completely new day" is the basis for many of their lyrics.

The band has been together since September of 2003 and have recorded their first album "Cellar Skies."

### Robin Willey's Pottery

One of the featured artisans in the art festival is Robin Willey, a potter from Charleston. She is an Eastern graduate who has been working with pottery since high school. What makes her pottery unique is the open lace work in most of it.

### Kim Blum's Jewelry

Kim Blum will also be selling her handmade jewelry at the art festival. The line of her jewelry is called Moon Essence, which includes beaded, hemp and gemstone bracelets, earring and necklaces. All the pieces are unique and have a variety of patterns, Blum said.

"We try to get something for everybody out there," Blum said.

Blum has been selling her jewelry at Celebration for six years.

### Marble Making with Cliff

#### Thomas and Delilah Davis

Demonstrating the art of marble making are Cliff Thomas and Delilah Davis at 11 a.m. at the north side of Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Thomas started out collecting antique marbles, and he soon had his friend John Hannon Moiller teach him how to make marbles. The process of making them begins with glass rods being melted to 1900 to 2000 degrees Thomas said. And then one has to twist and turn different colors together. Lastly, the mixture is put into a mold called a marver to form the ball. Coming soon, Thomas will reopen a shop called 2000 degrees at 720 Jackson Avenue, which is close to the square.

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## Friends & Co.

Friends & Co., located at 509 Van Buren near the Square, is the hub of Charleston's burgeoning music scene. Many national acts, en route from Chicago,

St. Louis and Carbondale, make a stop for a show at Friends. The bar also showcases local talent in regular rotation. Many students make a run for Friends on Wednesday nights for Open-Mic Night. The bar recently began offer-

ing live jazz on Thursday evenings. Aside from the great sounds emanating from Friends & Co., the ambient atmosphere of the back room is full of pinball machines, pool and foosball tables, darts, and video games.

## Jimmy John's

Eastern sports many impressive alumni, but one Eastern student who dropped to create his own bread now provides Eastern students with a tasty way to fight drunken munchies.

Tracy Cole, assistant manager at the Charleston Jimmy John's, said Jimmy opened his first sandwich shop in Charleston in January 1982. Jimmy had recently returned to his hometown of Chicago to design his own bread recipe and make his first four sandwiches.

Cole said while Jimmy has no formal culinary education, "He has a passion to eat."

Jimmy originally wanted to open a hot dog stand, but his family convinced him to concentrate on sub sandwiches. Cole said Jimmy's family served as the first critics of his creations and helped to veto liverwurst and onions from his starting list of four sandwiches.

# Best of Coles Col Winners

## FOOD

Restaurant: Cody's and Paglia's, 4 votes each

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Food special: Chubby's cheese sticks and \$3.33 Wednesday pepperoni pizza at Little Caesar's, 2 each

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## Jackson Avenue Coffee

Jackson Avenue Coffee, 708 Jackson Ave., near the Square, opened two years ago. It has since become a local favorite, just far enough away from campus to forget the worries of classes, but not too far to walk. The shop otherwise known as JAC specializes in java drinks, smoothies, chai, bagels, deserts and sandwiches. Paintings, photos and ceramics by local artists decorate JAC, and living room furniture alongside traditional booths provides a

quaint atmosphere for customers. Local musicians perform weekly at the coffee shop. Last weekend, JAC unveiled a renovation of a back room that allows more space for musicians and their audiences.

"We always say in the coffee busi-

ness you're selling 90 percent atmosphere and 10 percent coffee," said Manager Evan Kubicek. He attributes the shop's position to offering the finest coffee products in the area in addition to its friendly staff and inviting environment.



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## Stevenson Dining

Stevenson Dining, with its plethora of choices, flexible hours and reservation dining option, won best dining hall with 12 votes.

Stevenson, Lincoln and Douglas residence halls share a dining hall that offers two separate lines, each offering drastically different options.

The tower west side offers a consistent breakfast menu with the option of carrying out and classic entrees in the evenings.

Another feature of the west line is the recently reinstated reservation dining option. Students can make arrangements for their dining party Friday and dine in the best style Panther Dining has available on Saturday night. Students can choose from a variety of entrees, enjoy a restaurant experience, and best of all, they can pick up the tab with dining dollars.

The Tower East line, however, is where the flexibility of Stevenson dining lies. For students on the move, the east line offers Grab n' Go deli meals. Busy students can grab a fresh deli sandwich or salad along with a wide variety of side items including pop tarts, fruit and ice cream and either sit down and eat or take the meal home in a bag.

Jackson, with its variety of the '60s, '70s and '80s, is students' favorite thrift store.

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## PEOPLE

Writer: Ben Erwin and Jamie Petty, 2 each  
 Coach: Three-way tie: Bob Spoo, football; Rick Samuels, men's basketball; John McInerney, track; 3 votes each  
 DJ: DJ Wu at WEIU.  
 Bartender: Jill at Friends.  
 Professor: Tie between Brian Poulter (journalism) and Craig Eckert (sociology), 2 each.



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# Bottle of Justus returns Friday night

April McLaren  
ASSOCIATE VERGE EDITOR

Two of the four members of Bottle of Justus will feel at home Friday, when they return to their hometown of Charleston to jam on at Friends & Co.

"It's our homecoming show," said Chris Quinlan, lead vocalist and guitarist for the group.

Quinlan and his twin brother Jeff, the lead guitarist of Bottle of Justus, lived in Charleston before they decided to go to college at Illinois State University in Bloomington.

The brothers made their way to Illinois State, they met fellow students Jeff Johnson, from Orland Park, and Erik Bogdonas, from Bloomington, to form the quartet while at Illinois State University.

Since then, they have traveled everywhere from Louisiana to Texas to New York, Quinlan said. Justus has also released three albums. The group's fourth effort, "Lemon-Live," is a live album due out May 4.

Quinlan said the album is a "live mix up" and a "comprehensive

group of songs (they) quoted off previous records and one new song."

While Quinlan said he has a hard time explaining exactly what the band's sound is, they influenced by a variety of artists including Dave Matthews Band and Fuel.

Quinlan and his twin grew an interest in music as young children when their mom played music constantly. Quinlan said she used to play Billy Joel and the Beach Boys.

During this time, the twins' older brother started playing drums in a band. It was only a matter of time before their brother's musical talents would sink into them.

Quinlan said his twin picked up a guitar when he was about 11 years old and eventually persuaded Quinlan to do the same.

Currently, all of the band members are out of school and devoting their full attention to music.

Quinlan said the perks of his profession include getting paid to hang out with friends and traveling to different college campuses. While they play mostly for college students, their audiences range from ages 10 to 85.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOTTLE OF JUSTUS  
Bottle of Justus will return to Charleston in a homecoming show Saturday at Friends & Co. on the Square.

Quinlan said while all ages are fun to play for, high school kids have the most energy.

"High school kids go nuts," he said. "I forgot these kids had so

much energy."

Johnson, the bass player, said the energy from fans is a favorite of his also. He could be having the worst day ever, but that all changes

the minute he steps on stage and he sees the fans staring back at him, waiting to hear the band's tunes.

Johnson said the hardest part of the business for him is the downtime. There is a lot of time sitting around, talking and listening to the radio to waste time. He said there could be times when they are waiting for six or seven hours at a bar before they start their show.

"I can be up on a high the rest of the night," he said.

On the other hand, the worst part of the music business is the music industry itself, Quinlan said. He said it is full of politics and props influencing people to do what they don't want to.

"They say to make it, you have to be your own person," he said. "But you really can't."

He said the industry is more interested in "whatever is hot right now" rather than a musician being unique and having his or her own sound.

Curly Hair Joe will take the stage at 10 p.m. Friday to open for Bottle of Justice at Friends & Co. Cover is \$5.

## 'Bill' survives on sub par DVD package sans extras

By Ben Erwin  
STAFF WRITER

Quentin Tarantino's "Kill Bill Vol. 1" was a chop-socky masterpiece alluding to 40 years of grind house kung fu malevolence.

Denounced by some critics as too violent, "Bill" was a beautifully shot, blood-soaked gorefest soaked in allusions to everything from obscure kung fu staples to popular culture and 70s television. The DVD for Volume 1, however, is a rather lackluster affair without any real extras other than a trite and self-aggrandizing "making of" feature.

Although the color transfer of the film is lush and the sound is immaculate, the DVD is devoid of substantial extras. It's safe to assume such gems will pop up on a double-disc set of volumes one and two a year from now, the film itself deserves an A, while this paltry, cash-in DVD deserves no better than a D. "Volume 1" is barely worth reviewing, and it's far more fun to partake in a little wishful thinking on what the DVD should feature in an elaborate special edition.

The first necessary extra on any edition of this film should be a commentary by Tarantino, Uma Thurman and Sonny Chiba.



Tarantino has only partaken in one real commentary - on "From Dusk 'Till Dawn" - and it turned out funny, insightful and engaging.

"Volume 1" should also have a pop-up feature explaining each allusion in the film. Much like "Pop Up Video," viewers can select a version of the film where small bubbles pop up to explain each allusion as they pass on screen.

This film is also begging for behind the scenes footage, montages of fight choreography, character profiles and the influences of Tarantino.

If any of Tarantino's films ever screamed "fill me with extras!" it is this one. This sub par edition is obviously out to make a quick buck, sate fans and refresh memories for "Volume 2." I can only hope Tarantino takes the time and the effort to pack as much as technologically possible into a combined DVD set in a year or two.



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# Grad finds success as opera singer

By Adam Tuck  
STAFF WRITER

Matthew Polenzani, a 1991 Eastern graduate, is receiving praise for his accomplishments from friends, professors and even the *New York Times*.

Polenzani has been performing with the New York Metropolitan Opera since 1997. Recently, he has made his name well-known among opera aficionados.

Doug Dibianco, a music professor at Eastern, said Polenzani's musical accomplishments are compared to a college baseball player in the Major League All-Star Game.

## Finding a voice at Eastern

Before Polenzani first came to Eastern on a music scholarship, his adviser and voice teacher, Jerry Daniels, said he was just like most of the other freshmen students in the music department: naïve, but very talented.

Polenzani said one of the problems in music is that people can have very different opinions on a performance of the same piece.

"In the field of music, you can win a competition in New York City and then go down to

Washington, just hours away, and perform the same piece and be told that you should quit," said Polenzani.

For the first three years at Eastern, Polenzani planned on pursuing a career in education. But during his senior year, he had an experience that made him change his mind.

"I heard a recording of Jose Carreras, one of The 3 Tenors, singing an aria and I fell in love with it immediately," Polenzani said.

After hearing Carreras, Polenzani's interest in opera increased, and he decided he wanted to pursue a career singing, rather than teaching.

He said the music department and curriculum at Eastern helped prepare him for his future career, especially through the opportunities it gave him to perform.

"The music department exposed me to many different styles of music and especially to time on stage," he said. "I did more performing at Eastern than most people that go to bigger schools do in their career."

## Getting up on stage

Polenzani said having the stage

experience helped provide him with the comfort he now has on stage.

Polenzani joined the show choir during his senior year and was also a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

"It was nice to have friends outside of music," he said on his membership to Sigma Chi. "The people I keep closest to my heart are definitely people I met outside of music."

Also while attending Eastern, Polenzani joined the Decatur Park Singers and performed 65 nights every summer. Polenzani was also able to achieve the next step of his success through this group.

A man Polenzani had met through the Singers encouraged him to sing for his teacher, who was a professor of music at Yale University. Polenzani sang for the Yale professor and was accepted to graduate school at the university.

## Entering the Met

After finishing school at Yale, Polenzani entered the world of professional opera, and his journey has taken him around the world. He is currently working with the New York Met Opera.

Polenzani has performed multiple times with Maestro James Levine, who rarely plays with young musicians.

Polenzani first played with Levine at a recital.

"I just asked (Levine) if he would play for me," he said. "At worst, he would say 'I don't have time,' and at best he would say, 'Yes,'" Polenzani said.

## Practice, practice, practice

It's been said the route to Carnegie Hall is to practice, practice, practice, and Polenzani was recently afforded the opportunity to sing where many musicians dream.

Polenzani, along with Renee Fleming, Anne Sophie von Otter, Rene Pape and Levine, performed a night of Schubert Lieder songs in Carnegie Hall.

"We all sat on stage while the others were singing. And when it was our turn, we got up and sang. It was one of the greatest things I've ever done," Polenzani said.

"Next year, I am singing a new production of 'The Magic Flute' at the Met directed by Julie Taymor, who directed 'The Lion King' on Broadway," he said.

## Traveling the globe

Polenzani's travels have also brought him to places like San Diego, Seattle, Denver, Japan, Belgium and Spain.

Polenzani recently found out he had been awarded the Richard Tucker Award. Polenzani said the list of former winners for this prestigious award reads like a Who's Who in American Opera.

"It's the greatest award an American singer can win in America," Polenzani said. "It's a great honor to have my name up there with those people."

## A bit of reflection

Polenzani said he does not know how he made it in show business; he said it is probably the result of hard and diligent work. He also said it is easier for tenors than others to make it because there are less of them.

"The right combination of things happened for me so that I was able to continue to climb," he said. "I believe in God, and I believe He had something to do with what is happening in my life."

# Rap duo sues Nelly for trademark infringement

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Two members of a musical group called Vokal have accused rap star Nelly in a lawsuit of wrongly taking their name for his multimillion-dollar clothing line.

James Tyrone Wilson and Cameron Caines are suing Nelly for trademark infringement and unfair competition. The singers want an injunction to stop Nelly from using the name and millions of dollars in damages.

"Right now, since we don't have an accounting of the profits, we can't completely quantify the damages," Michael Santucci, an attorney for the singers in Fort Lauderdale, said Wednesday.

Vokal Clothing Co., which makes

Nelly's line of clothes, made more than \$20 million in 2002, Santucci said, so a damage award could be a "seven or eight-figure number."

Lisa Buckley, an attorney for the clothing company and Nelly, whose legal name is Cornell Hayes Jr., didn't return two phone calls to her New York office.

Wilson and Caines have written music, performed live, recorded songs and distributed clothing under the name Vokal since 1994, according to the lawsuit filed in February in U.S. District Court in Orlando.

In 1998, Vokal signed a recording and distribution contract with Universal Records, around the same

time the label signed Nelly. Wilson and Caines said they retained exclusive rights over the name Vokal when they signed with Universal Records, and that Nelly knew about the group and its business activities, the lawsuit said.

Shortly after signing with Universal Records, Nelly began selling clothing bearing the name "Vokal," according to the lawsuit.

## Tom Sizemore to play Pete Rose in TV movie

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — Tom Sizemore will play Pete Rose in the

upcoming made-for-television movie "Hustle."

Directed by Peter Bogdanovich, "Hustle" will depict Rose's downfall during the 1980s when a penchant for gambling destroyed his career and tarnished his legacy. Production begins in May and the movie airs Sept. 25 on ESPN.

Sizemore's big break came in Oliver Stone's 1989 film "Born on the Fourth of July." Since then the 42-year-old actor has appeared in films including "Heat," "Saving Private Ryan," "Pearl Harbor" and "Black Hawk Down."

## Woman who claims affair with Beckham barred from party

LONDON (AP)—A woman whose claims of an affair with soccer star David Beckham have made her a minor celebrity was barred from a party given by Harrods store owner Mohammed al Fayed.

Al Fayed found out that an invitation to a Harrods champagne reception on Wednesday had been issued to Loos and told aides to let her know she would not be welcome, a spokesman said.

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## CONCERT PHOTO ESSAY

## Dipshit performs April 19 at Friends &amp; Co.

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Clockwise from top left: Members of Dipshit rock hard at Friends & Co. April 19. Tony McAley screams lyrics during the same performance. Sean Joyce, a senior education major, flies through a song at top speed during Dipshit's set. Members of Dipshit from left: Tony McAley, a junior graphic design major, Paul Beck, a sophomore education major, Adam Dipshit, a sophomore painting major, and Aaron Stoval, a freshman journalism major.

## GUIDE TO BETTER LIVING

## Returning to an unfamiliar home

I think most of us have been there, been to the place we call home when we return home from college to realize a few things we have never noticed before. Whether it is your first year away to college or your fourth, there have been changes. Unavoidable changes. I'm here to tell how to suck it up and deal with those problems.

The biggest thing I noticed my first time returning home was the people.

I recently went home Easter weekend, and I went to a bar with some of my high school friends. Before I knew it, I was in a crowded bar surrounded by drunken classmates from high school—some of whom I hadn't seen since we walked across the stage.

It's weird how some people would never talk to you in a million years, but all of a sudden, with a little alcohol in them, you are their best friend and they want to know everything about you. Then they are absolutely amazed to find out you're in school, getting a degree and about to make something of your life. I was just assumed that was what we were all doing.

Unfortunately, some of my fellow high school graduates received their



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diploma and have been drunk ever since. So what do we do? Get drunk and waste away our lives with them! They're having fun right? The time of their lives even. I'm sure my dad would be so proud of his little girl to find out I wasted three years of my education thus far to party for a living.

And what about your parents? They do know you have survived on your own without them, right? What the heck is curfew? You want me to do the dishes? Take out the garbage? What am I, a slave? I just wish they understood we are big boys and girls now who take care of ourselves. We don't need mommy and daddy to hold our hands to cross the street. Wait a minute...

Maybe we do need mommy and daddy, because it's Friday night and pitchers are \$5. And you know you and your friends will need more than just one. What about the gas in the tank to get us to the bar, then the party after?

Mommy? Daddy? Just \$20? Please?

So maybe we will have to come home at a respectable time. And maybe we will have to do the dishes and take out the garbage. Just call me your slave child.

Speaking of parents, what about when they get the bright idea to turn that bedroom of yours into your dad's weight room or your mom's sewing room? Better yet, what about your family cat's playroom? Just when you think you are looking forward to coming home for the the summer to sleep in your very own bed, you find out your bed is now the living room couch.

Now wait a second, the couch doesn't have to be the answer. There is always the twin bed you could share with your 13-year-old brother who is full of nothing but puberty. So what do you do? There is always the comforting cement of the sidewalk or even the backseat of your car.

It's not like you haven't accommodated your sleeping arrangements before. We have all had that roommate who just had to get it on with the opposite sex and decided to snort you out for the night. So just deal with the concrete

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♦ Poprocks  
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May 1  
♦ The Tossers  
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May 6  
♦ Cold with  
Apartment 26  
and Atomship  
Canopy Club  
9 p.m.  
\$12

May 7  
♦ Hairbangers  
Ball 2  
Canopy Club  
9 p.m.  
\$6

May 8  
♦ Blue Mark and  
the Groove  
Dukes  
Gunner Buc's  
\$3

♦ Lucky Boy's  
Confusion  
Canopy Club  
9 p.m.  
\$10

May 14  
♦ X-Krush  
Gunner Buc's  
9 p.m.  
\$5

May 15  
♦ Funkallero  
Gunner Buc's  
9 p.m.

